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Alexandra Douglas
Executive Director
Parliament of Victoria
Road Safety Committee
Parliament House
Spring Street,
EAST MELBOURNE 3002

Dear Alexandra,

Request for Submission for the Inquiry into Pedestrian Safety in Car Parks

I refer to your letter of 23rd April 2009 inviting Council to make a submission for the Parliamentary Road Safety Committee inquiry into pedestrian safety in car parks and advise the following:-

1. **Type and number of Council car parks:**

   Council controls seven off street car parks in the central activities area of Footscray, two in Yarraville and a number of smaller off street parks in commercial centres and recreation facilities throughout the City.

2. **Type and numbers of crashes that occur at each of these car parks:**

   Council does not record crashes that occur within these car parks. Local knowledge indicates crashes are very minor in nature, involving only property damage, due to the low speed environment.

3. **Measures to improve safety of pedestrians**

   More recent design solutions have involved separating pedestrians from the main car park areas and having continuous accessible paths of travel that are DDA compliant for pedestrians.
4. **Suggestions for improving safety in car parks**

The following list is suggested for improving pedestrian safety in car parks:

- Provide pedestrian paths that are separate from the car parking areas i.e. a raised area protected by kerbing, fencing or bollards to prevent vehicle access.
- These paths should be fully DDA Compliant and sealed in an all weather material such as concrete or asphalt
- Need to be continuous paths of travel i.e. connect to exits and outside road footways
- Have adequate lighting to (at least) meet Australian Standards for both paths and car parking areas
- Be provided with attractive landscaping as part of the overall design
- Signed with pedestrian wayfinding signage, if appropriate for the location
- Of width at least 1.8m to allow two wheelchairs or prams to pass
- Be in a more prominent position in the car park for pedestrian safety

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission and should you require further information please call me on 9688 0393.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

Mal McDonald  
Coordinator Transport